

RESOLUTION NO. 06-009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG) DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, CVAG finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of CVAG, its constituents, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments as follows:

1. CVAG hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
2. CVAG encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
3. CVAG encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this Twenty-fifth day of September, Two Thousand and Six.

By:

Mayor Pro Tem Ben Godfrey
CVAG Chair

Attest:

John M. Wohlmuth
Executive Director